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1. The Goerlitz (O 52/B 00) - Zittau (O 51/F 97) railroad line is again operated by the German Railroads, chiefly to provide transportation for workers to Goerlitz and Zittau. The line is partly in Polish-occupied territory and crosses the Neisse River several times. The coaches are not controlled by Polish border officials but are sealed as soon as they enter the Polish-occupied territory.*
2. There is an approach road to the Ostritz (O 52/G 09) railroad station in the Polish-occupied territory which is open to the German population. The German population can use this road without passport or visa. The road is fenced in by barbed wire and guarded by Polish border police.

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* Comment. The line runs from Goerlitz to Zittau via Hagenwerder, Ostritz and Hirschfelde. It follows the course of the Neisse River which is the provisional border between Germany and Poland. Since it crosses this border several times, the line was closed although the bridges over the Neisse River were intact. The reopening of the line is confirmed by the summer timetable of the German Railroads.

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